

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

***This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:***

Claims 1-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) In a multi access system comprising plural access routers, a method of selecting a target access router among said plural access routers, said method comprising:

a user terminal connecting with a current access router using a layer 2 communication service, said access router being one of said plural access routers;

said user terminal receiving layer 2 based router capability information transmitted from said current access router over said layer 2 communication service, said router capability information including capability information of said plural access routers; ~~and~~

said user terminal selecting said target access router for access to said multi access system among said plural access routers based on said router capability information using a target access router selection algorithm,

said user terminal activating plural layer 2 communication interfaces;  
said user terminal listening to broadcasts of said router capability  
information from two or more of said plural routers over said activated plural

layer 2 communications interfaces, no IP control plane being used in said layer 2 broadcasting; and

said user terminal selecting said current access router for access to said multi access system among based on said broadcasted router capability information using said target access router selection algorithm.

wherein no IP control plane is used in said layer 2 communication service between said access router and said user terminal, and

wherein said step of said user terminal connecting with said current access router occurs after said current access router is selected.

15. (Previously presented) A method in accordance with claim 14, further comprising said user terminal sending a request to said current access router for said router capability information over said layer 2 prior to said step of said user terminal receiving said layer 2 based router capability information transmitted from said current access router over said layer 2 communication service.

Claim 16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) A method in accordance with claim ~~16~~ 14, further comprising said user terminal deactivating all layer 2 communication

interfaces except the interface used in communication with said current access router after said step of said user terminal selecting said current access router.